

REMARKS

This application is now believed to be complete and can be passed to issuance. The Examiner is asked to note that for purposes of the concurrently filed information disclosure statement, each U.S. patent mentioned in the specification and particular references have been listed on the form PTO-1449. Reference to other references has been deleted from the specification as has been the statement that those references are incorporated in this application by reference. Since no subject matter of the allowed claims relies on these references for support, the elimination of the improper incorporation by reference negates the need to amend the specification to include the text of the references. Further, the references which are no longer mentioned in the specification were cited merely for illustration of the background of the invention and are not material to the patentability of the allowed claims or support thereof, there is no need to cite them in an information disclosure statement. Only those references were applicants have found to be necessary to cite in order to comply with their duty under 37 CFR 1.56 have been cited.


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